



City of Rockville

MEMORANDUM

May 5, 2010

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Planning Commission

SUBJECT: Planning Commission Recommendation on Text Amendment Application
TXT2010 - 00227; Extend the Implementation Period for Development Projects

The Planning Commission considered Text Amendment Application TXT2010 – 00227 at its meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2010. The Commission received a report from the planning staff, and comments from the public.

The staff recommended approval of the text amendment with two minor revisions. The first revision is to change the end date of the tolling period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012. The second change is to add special development procedures detailed applications to the listing of affected processes shown in the proposed new Section 25.07.16.

In discussing the text amendment, several of the Commissioners felt that tolling all of the pending projects is too broad. The dissenting members felt that a narrower approach would be more desirable. This might take the form of the alternative language shown at pages 3-4 of the staff report, or perhaps amend the ordinance to allow projects to apply for additional extensions. The majority of the Commissioners supported the text amendment for the reasons set forth in the staff report.

Therefore, on a motion by Commissioner Tyner, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Planning Commission recommends approval of text amendment TXT2010-00227 with the modifications recommended by the staff, with Commissioners Tyner, Johnson, Medearis, and Pakulniewicz voting in favor of the motion, and with Commissioners Hill, Ostell and Trahan voting against the motion, at its meeting on April 28, 2010.

cc: Planning Commission
Case File